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going to do as much as I can in this Legislature to create an awareness of what it is that I'm talking about, and I'm going to take a bit of time on this bill this morning. At first, I was not. I was going to make a point. Then I got to thinking, what point can I make to these people? What point can I make to these white people in this Legislature who are white just like those who are destroying my children and they don't care? But I do and as long as I'm on this floor and have the opportunity to raise these issues, I'm going to. What you all don't realize and don't care about, because you cannot think beyond one thing at a time that concerns you or a white constituent, is that what Senator Suttle and Senator Thompson were talking about when they were on that bill that Senator Pedersen offered are the results of what I'm discussing here. They have found out in study after study that when children, especially African-American children, are cheated academically, when they are inappropriately placed in special education they wind up next being suspended, then expelled or pushed out, or they drop out. Then they are referred to the juvenile justice system, not for counseling and help but for incarceration. And they are incarcerated out of all proportion to their numbers and out of all proportion to the nature of the offense for which they are incarcerated. White children are not dealt like...with like that in the school system or outside the school system. And you all sit here like knots on logs and you trick me into doing things to help your children.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, actually, you don't have to do that because I think children are children, are children, and in the Omaha Public School system there are poor white children who are messed over also. When you can take an entire school building, it happens to be in a poor white area, and show that the children uniformly throughout that building are doing poorly, you going to blame the children? That's what happens in OPS. These are just dumb white people. These are expendable children. Nobody cares about them. They're down there in east Omaha where the other river rats live and that's the way that area of Omaha is described. If you hate the parents why abuse the children? The children did not do it. Maybe if they were